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## VETERINARY ISSUES OF CONCERN

In the 2006 State Board Report, it was noted that the Board has seen an increase in violations concerning controlled substance record keeping and security. During Fiscal Year 2007, the Board received a total of 97 complaints. 45 of which have been received by the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD). The increase in complaints is important to note in order to educate veterinarians in Missouri. The violations include the failure to inform the BNDD of the change in practice locations and violations concerning controlled substance record keeping and security. The Board has cause to discipline a licensee who has violated the drug laws and rules and regulations of this state, any other state, territory, or the federal government.

The publication titled, “Controlled Substance Guidelines for Missouri Veterinarians” has been published by the BNDD as a quick reference source for veterinarians. The publication details obtaining a registration, purchasing and stocking, dispensing, record keeping and security issues. The Board encourages its licensees to review the publication and the Missouri drug laws, rules and regulations and make sure they are adhered to. The publication is designed to answer the most commonly asked questions and issues that arise daily. The publication can be found on the Board’s website at [www.pr.mo.gov/veterinarian.asp](http://www.pr.mo.gov/veterinarian.asp) or you may visit the BNDD website at [www.dhss.mo.gov/BNDD](http://www.dhss.mo.gov/BNDD) or call the BNDD at (573) 751-6321.

Please be advised that if a veterinarian is going to conduct any activities with controlled substances, he or she must have a registration from the BNDD and the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The BNDD registration is valid for the specific address which appears on the registration. If a veterinarian has a BNDD registration, and changes to a different practice location, that registration terminates if the veterinarian does not notify the BNDD of the change. Any prescriptions written for controlled substances or any other controlled substance

activities conducted without a valid BNDD registration are a violation of Missouri controlled substance laws. The registration does not terminate for 30 days from the effective date of the change if the person applies for a new registration or modification within the 30-day period.

The information contained in this article is important for licensees to understand and to make certain that they are in compliance with not only the rules mentioned in this article but with all the laws and rules contained in the Veterinary Medical Practice Act and Rules. If you do not have a copy of the Practice Act and Rules, please contact our office and a copy will be forwarded to you or you may review the Practice Act and Rules on the Board’s website, [www.pr.mo.gov](http://www.pr.mo.gov).

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PLEASE NOTIFY THE BOARD OFFICE OF YOUR NEW ADDRESS:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Old Address: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# MESSAGE FROM DIVISION DIRECTOR

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The Honorable Matt Blunt

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Douglas M. Ommen, Director

**Division of Professional Registration**  
David T. Broeker, Director

## MISSOURI VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD

### BOARD MEMBERS

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David Gourley, DVM, Vice-Chair  
Charles Barry, DVM, Member  
Carol Ryan, DVM, Member  
Taylor Woods, DVM, Ex-Officio Member  
Owen Smith, Public Member

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The Division of Professional Registration has had a busy and successful 2007. It was a year of significant and beneficial accomplishments, not the least of which was a legislative session where 14 of our 16 proposals were truly agreed to and finally passed and signed into law by the Governor Matt Blunt.

Legislation also signed into law by the Governor created the Board of Private Investigator Examiners which went into effect August 28, 2007. This board consists of 5 members; three private investigators and two public members appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Senate.

With the addition of the Private Investigator Examiners, the Division of Professional Registration now houses 18 administrative boards, 13 non-administrative (autonomous) boards and 8 advisory boards:

### 18 Administrative Boards

- State Committee of Interpreters
- Office of Athletics
- Endowed Care Cemeteries
- State Committee of Dieticians
- Board of Geologist Registration
- Board of Examiners for Hearing Instruments Specialists
- Interior Design Council
- Marital & Family Therapists
- Board of Therapeutic Massage
- Board of Occupational Therapy
- Committee for Professional Counselors
- State Committee of Psychologists
- Missouri Real Estate Appraisers Commission
- Missouri Board for Respiratory Care
- State Committee for Social Workers
- Office of Tattooing, Body Piercing & Branding
- Missouri Office of Athletic Agents
- Board of Private Investigator Examiners

### 13 Non-Administrative Boards

- Board of Accountancy
- Board for Architects, Professional Engineers,  
Professional Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects
- Board of Chiropractic Examiners
- Board of Cosmetology & Barber Examiners
- Missouri Dental Board
- State Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors
- State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts
- Missouri State Board of Nursing
- State Board of Optometry
- Missouri Board of Pharmacy
- State Board of Podiatric Medicine
- Missouri Real Estate Commission
- Missouri Veterinary Medical Board

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# CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Missouri Veterinary Medical Board is responsible for the regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine in the State of Missouri. The powers of the board are granted to enable the board to effectively supervise the practice of veterinary medicine and to carry out the intent and provisions of sections 340.200 to 340.330. The Board's mission is to professionally and courteously serve and protect the public by providing for licensure and regulation of doctors of veterinary medicine, veterinary technicians and veterinary facilities pursuant to Chapter 340, RSMo. The Board consists of six (6) members.

The Board would like to remind you that when Board members are contacted directly by a licensee or individual regarding an application for licensure, a complaint, investigation, or disciplinary process, any information given to that Board member could sway his or her unbiased opinion. A Board member receiving communication that could sway his or her opinion may be required to recuse themselves and not take part in a vote on the matter. This could put the Board member in an awkward position while trying to do his or her job and could put the licensee at a disadvantage.

It is strongly encouraged and recommended that all questions and concerns be referred to the Board's office. Board staff handles all the day-to-day functions of the Board. Therefore, questions can be answered based on full Board decisions and lessen miscommunication between the Board and its licensees. If questions are on complex issues, we might recommend requesting, in writing, an advisory opinion from the Board. Our hope is to make it as easy as possible for licensees to comply with Board Statute and Regulations.

Please keep in mind that individual Board members are *not* authorized to make a decision for the entire Board.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The next meeting of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board is scheduled on January 24-25, 2008.  
The meeting will be held at the Chateau on the Lake Resort, Branson, Missouri.

For further information regarding meeting times and locations, please feel free to contact the Board's central office at  
(573) 751-0031.

**The meeting & testing schedule is as follows:**

## NOVEMBER

November 12 through December 8, 2007 –  
Testing Window for the Administration of the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE)

## JANUARY

January 24-25, 2008 – Board Meeting  
Chateau on the Lake Resort, Branson, Missouri

## APRIL

April 7-19, 2008 – Testing Window for the Administration of the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination  
(NAVLE)



# NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE BOARD



Carol Ryan, DVM has been appointed by Governor Matt Blunt to serve as a member of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board. Dr. Ryan’s appointment went into effect on May 9, 2007. She replaces Jean Stark, DVM.

Dr. Ryan received her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Missouri, College of Veterinary Medicine in 1992. Dr. Ryan is an associate veterinarian with Troy and Wentzville Veterinary Clinics and co-owner of Elsberry Animal Hospital.

Missouri statute provides that Board Members shall serve a term of four years or until his/her successor is appointed by the Governor. Dr. Ryan’s term expires August 29, 2009.

## MEMBERS OF THE VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD



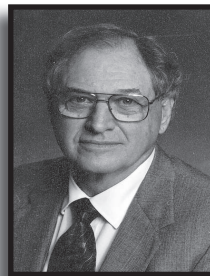
**Linda Hickam, DVM**  
Thompson, MO  
Chairperson  
Term Expires: 08/29/10



**Charles Barry, DVM**  
Warrensburg, MO  
Member  
Term Expires: 8/29/08



**David Gourley, DVM**  
Mountain Grove, MO  
Vice-Chair  
Term Expires: 8/29/10



**Taylor Woods, DVM**  
California, MO  
Ex-Officio Member



**Carol Ryan, DVM**  
Troy, MO  
Member  
Term Expires: 8/29/09



**Owen Smith**  
Buffalo, MO  
Public Member  
Term Expires: 4/29/09

maintain a record of the dates that controlled substances were received; c) Licensee did not document the drug name, strength, and the dosages form in the administration records; d) Licensee did not maintain complete administration records; e) Licensee did not maintain complete controlled substance records; f) Licensee allowed another veterinarian to dispense and administer controlled substances from Licensee’s stock. Ketamine was transported and administered to patients in a location other than Licensee’s registered practice address. g) Licensee’s failure to maintain adequate controlled substance records for inventory, dates of receipt and administration made it impossible to perform an audit to determine if any controlled substances were missing. Licensee’s failure to provide effective controls and procedures to prevent diversion is in violation of 19 CSR 30-1.031(1). Based on the controlled substance violations, Licensee’s registration to stock, prescribe, dispense and administer controlled substances was placed on three (3) years probation by BNDD.

**BOARD ACTION** – Licensee’s license as a doctor of veterinary medicine was placed on probation for three years to run concurrent with Licensee’s BNDD probation. Within one (1) year from the effective date of the Agreement, Licensee shall obtain an additional 10 hours of continuing education with at least one (1) hour in medical records documentation and one (1) hour in controlled substances.

### VIOLATION – Section 340.264.(25), RSMo

In August 2005, an investigator for the Board presented at the clinic to conduct an inspection for a facility permit review. The veterinarian-in-charge allowed the facility permit to lapse in March 2005. The inspection of the clinic indicated the following violations of 20 CSR 2270-4.011: a) No facility permit was displayed; b) The clinic’s facility permit expired on March 31, 2005 and was therefore not current; c) The reception area of the clinic was very dirty, possessed a strong, offensive animal odor and failed to contain adequate lighting; d) The clinic had one examination room of which the floor, walls, and ceiling were dirty. The ceiling had several sections which were stained, deformed and moldy. The sink and the counter area around the sink were extremely dirty and rusted; e) Approximately 20 (twenty) used syringes with needles were piled on the counter next to the sink at the time of the clinic inspection. During the inspection, Licensee removed the needles, placed them in a “sharps” container located on the counter top and threw the used syringes in the tray located on the counter top; f) The laboratory area was also found to be dirty, including the floor, countertop and walls; g) The surgery room did not possess emergency lighting; and h) Animals recovering from a surgical procedure are housed in the “animal hospital” which contains fixed cages. The floor, ceiling and walls of this area were found to be extremely dirty, with lots of debris on the floor. The room did not have adequate ventilation. The conduct is in violation of the minimum standards for veterinary facilities.

**BOARD ACTION** – The Clinic’s permit as a veterinary facility was suspended until the facility meets the minimum standards of 20 CSR 2270-4.011, followed by one year probation.

### VIOLATION – Section 340.264.2 (4), (5), (6), (14) and (24) RSMo

In August 2005, an investigator for the Board presented at the clinic to conduct an inspection for a facility permit review. Licensee allowed the facility permit to lapse in March 2005 and failed to maintain the minimum standards for veterinary facilities in violation of 20 CSR 22704.011. The inspection of the clinic indicated the following: a) Licensee’s current veterinary license and facility permit were not displayed; b) The clinic’s facility permit expired on March 31, 2005 and was therefore not current; c) The reception area of the clinic was very dirty, possessed a strong, offensive animal odor and failed to contain adequate lighting; d) The clinic had one examination room of which the floor, walls, and ceiling were dirty. The ceiling had several sections which were stained, deformed and moldy. The sink and the counter area around the sink were extremely dirty and rusted; e) Approximately 20 (twenty) used syringes with needles were piled on the counter next to the sink at the time of the clinic inspection. During the inspection, Licensee removed the needles, placed them in a “sharps” container located on the counter top and threw the used syringes in the tray located on the counter top; f) The laboratory area was also found to be dirty, including the floor, countertop and walls; g) The surgery room did not possess emergency lighting; and h) Animals recovering from a surgical procedure are housed in the “animal hospital” which contains fixed cages. The floor, ceiling and walls of this area were found to be extremely dirty, with lots of debris on the floor. The room did not have adequate ventilation. It was also noted that Licensee failed to complete and maintain an annual inventory of controlled substances, failed to maintain a record of the dates that controlled substances were received, failed to document the drug name, strength, and the dosage form in administration records and failed to maintain complete administration records in violation of 19 CSR 30-1.044(1) and Section 195.050.6, RSMo 2000. Licensee did not maintain client medical records in violation of 20 CSR 2270-4.041.

**BOARD ACTION** – Licensee’s license as a doctor of veterinary medicine was placed on probation for one year.

VIOLATION – Section 340.274 RSMo

In January 2006, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, Licensee pled guilty to two (2) counts of Misbranding or Adulterating a Food While Held for Sale in violation of 21 U.S.C. 331(k) and 333(a)(2), a class E felony, Case No 2:05-cr-4055. Licensee was sentenced to three years probation to be served concurrently, a special assessment of \$200, restitution in the amount of \$534.75 and a fine of \$4,000. Licensee pled guilty to an offense an essential element of which involves fraud and dishonesty, and involves moral turpitude.

BOARD ACTION – Licensee’s license as a doctor of veterinary medicine is revoked.

VIOLATION – Section 340.264.1 and .2 (2) RSMo

Licensee’s license was revoked on February 6, 2007, as required by Section 340.274, RSMo, because Licensee was convicted of two counts of the federal felony of Misbranding or Adulterating Food While Held for Sale, which is a crime of dishonesty and moral turpitude.

BOARD ACTION – In lieu of denial of Licensee’s request for a license to practice as a doctor of veterinary medicine in Missouri, the Board issued Licensee a Probated License. Licensee’s license as a doctor of veterinary medicine was placed on probation for three years. Licensee must strictly abide by the terms of her criminal probation and provide the board a copy of every document sent to or received from the probation department or the court.

VIOLATION – Section 340.264.2(7), RSMo

In July 2004, Licensee began treating a 19 year old thoroughbred mare, for abscesses on her two back feet. Care was provided on July 31, 2004; August 11, 2004; August 20, 2004 and August 31, 2004. Licensee’s medical records for the visits did not contain the address and telephone number of the owner, did not indicate the mare’s identifying characteristics and did not contain the medical history.

BOARD ACTION – Licensee’s license as a doctor of veterinary medicine was placed on probation for one (1) year. During the disciplinary period, Licensee must take and successfully complete the Missouri State Board Examination and obtain an additional ten (10) hours of continuing education, with 2 hours in medical record documentation, professionalism and ethics.

VIOLATION – Section 340.264.2(4) and (7), RSMo

In January 2006, Licensee was scheduled to remove a testicle from within the abdomen of a nine year old stallion. The horse weighed approximately 1,000 pounds. Licensee indicated that he administered 4 cc Rompun, followed by 4 cc Ketamine HCL, to sedate the horse for the procedure. When the horse did not respond, Licensee administered a second dose of 2 cc Rompon and 2 cc Ketamine HCL, followed by 100 cc 4% Surital Thiopental na. Licensee did not obtain an anesthetic consent form and did not maintain a proper record of treatment.

BOARD ACTION – Licensee’s license as a doctor of veterinary medicine was placed on probation for three (3) years. During the disciplinary period, Licensee must obtain 4 additional hours of continuing education each year of the probationary period, with

YEAR END REPORT

The 2007 fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. Following is the end of the year report on board activities as they relate to the veterinary medical profession in the State of Missouri:

	Vets	Vet Techs.	Facilities
Total # of Licenses:	2,925	706	815
New Licenses Issued:	117	45	65
Licenses Renewed:			
Active:	2,413	451	
Inactive:	408	211	
Licenses Non-renewed:	24	14	

CHAIR’S REPORT

In March 2007, the Board began working with Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc (AMP) to redevelop and update the Missouri State Board Examination. The meetings included item review sessions, a two-day draft test review meeting and a key verification and final review session of the examination. During the redevelopment meeting, the Board voted to work with AMP to develop a computer-based test. The State Board Examination was computerized effective September 3, 2007. Therefore, no paper and pencil tests have been given since June 2007.

The examination will be offered only through computerized examination and will be administered at any of the AMP Assessment Center Network locations geographically distributed throughout the United States. Results of the examination will be available as soon as the examination is completed.

The Board will determine if an applicant is eligible to sit for the examination by reviewing the application and documentation required. No applicant will be approved to sit for the examination, until their application file is complete. Also, it is important to note that a license cannot be issued to an applicant until the application has been approved by the Board. The Board hopes that since the examination is computerized and the process has been updated, the time it takes applicants to become licensed will decrease. Please bear with the Board as we make the transition from paper and pencil to the computerized examination.

I would also like to report that during the 94th General Assembly, the Missouri Legislature passed Senate Bill 320, Senate Bill 272 and House Bill 780. Senate Bill 320 transfers administration of the Large Animal Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program from the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board to the Department of Agriculture. The number of veterinarians to whom repayment can be granted each year is increased from five to six and the number of years an individual must agree to work in an area of defined need is decreased from five to four. The maximum amount of the loan repayment that may be paid on behalf of an individual per year of service is increased from ten thousand to twenty thousand dollars.

Senate Bill 272 and House Bill 780 were passed and developed a Class L Veterinary license under Section 338.220 of the Missouri Board of Pharmacy. However, an

amendment was added that voided it’s intent. The bill specifies that nothing will prevent a veterinarian from compounding and dispensing his or her own prescriptions and that a veterinary license is not required for a person to sell, dispense, or fill pharmaceutical products or drugs for treating animals. Therefore, it does not appear that this language will affect veterinarians in Missouri.

I hope you find the information provided in our newsletter beneficial. Please do not hesitate to contact the Board’s office, if you have any questions.

Linda Hickam, DVM, Board Chairperson

TERMS FULFILLED

On behalf of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board, we would like to sincerely thank Jean Stark, DVM and Shane Brookshire, DVM for their dedication to the Board and exemplary services rendered to the people of the State of Missouri while serving on the Board. Dr. Stark served as a member of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board from July 11, 2002 to May 9, 2007. Dr. Brookshire served as the Board’s ex officio member from February 28, 2005 to March 15, 2007.

Dr. Stark and Dr. Brookshire were great assets to the Board and their presence and wealth of knowledge will be greatly missed. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Dr. Stark and Dr. Brookshire the very best with their future endeavors.



# DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

All complaints received by the Board are assigned a complaint number. A complaint may be based upon personal knowledge or beliefs based on information received from other sources. The complaints must be made in writing. Verbal or telephone communications are not acceptable, but you may request a complaint form by telephone, fill it out and mail it back to the Board. In general, the complaint is considered to be a closed record and is not accessible to the public. Any complaint that is received by the Board is acknowledged in writing. The complainant will be notified of the final outcome. Any disciplinary action taken by the Board is a matter of public record. The Board believes publication of disciplinary actions to be in the public interest and has included such in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact the Board’s office.

## DISCIPLINED VETERINARIANS JULY 2006 - JUNE 2007

**VIOLATION** - Section 340.264.2(14),(22) and (24), RSMo

In July 2004, an investigator from the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs presented at Licensee’s clinic to conduct an inspection of controlled substance record keeping and security. The inspection revealed controlled substance record-keeping violations resulting in Licensee’s registration to stock, prescribe, dispense and administer controlled substances being placed on three (3) years probation by BNDD.

**BOARD ACTION** – Licensee’s license as a doctor of veterinary medicine was publicly censured.

**VIOLATION** - Section 340.264.2 (14),(22) and (24), RSMo

In August 2004, an investigator from the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD) presented at Licensee’s clinic to conduct an inspection of controlled substance record keeping and security. The inspection revealed controlled substance record-keeping violations resulting in Licensee’s registration to stock, prescribe, dispense and administer controlled substances being placed on three (3) years probation by BNDD. Licensee’s BNDD registration has been limited or restricted and Licensee’s conduct constitutes a violation of any professional trust and confidence.

**BOARD ACTION** –Licensee’s license as a doctor of veterinary medicine was placed on probation for three years.

**VIOLATION** - Section 340.264.1 and .2(4)(e), (9), (11) and (24), RSMo

In September 2005, Licensee’s Arkansas license was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years for unprofessional conduct, failing to provide appropriate treatment and failing to maintain complete patient records. Licensee allowed a lay person to perform a veterinary surgical procedure. Licensee did not recall administering anesthesia to complainant’s animal, and the medical record had no entries regarding record of medications, treatment, progress and disposition of the case. Licensee’s conduct constitutes disciplinary action against the holder of a license or other right to practice granted by another state upon grounds which revocation or suspension is authorized in this state.

**BOARD ACTION** –In lieu of denial of Licensee’s request for a license to practice as a doctor of veterinary medicine in Missouri, the Board issued Licensee a Probated License. Licensee’s license as a doctor of veterinary medicine was placed on probation for five years.

**VIOLATION** - Section 340.264.2(4), (5), (6), (14), (22) and (24), RSMo

In July 2005, an investigator with the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD) presented at Licensee’s clinic to conduct an inspection of controlled substance record keeping and security. The following violations were noted: a) Licensee failed to complete and maintain an annual inventory of controlled substances; b) Licensee failed to

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify issues that continue to arise regarding the Board’s rules and regulations. Our office has received many questions concerning the release of medical records and how the rules and regulations apply to veterinarians that are employees of organizations where the animals are owned and are the property of the organization.

According to 20 CSR 2270-6.011 (11) “Licensees shall not reveal confidential, proprietary or privileged facts or data or any other sensitive information contained in a patient’s medical records or as otherwise obtained in a professional capacity without the prior consent of the client except as otherwise authorized or required by Chapter 340, RSMo...” Therefore, veterinarians are not allowed to disclose any information concerning the veterinarian’s care of an animal, except on written authorization or other waiver by the veterinarian’s client or on appropriate court order or subpoena or as may be required to ensure compliance with any other federal or state law. The treating veterinarian must obtain the consent of the client prior to the release of any information to another veterinary hospital, clinic, boarding clinic and/or humane society. However, medical records relating to any patient of a licensee or applicant are discoverable by the board.

The Board has discussed how the rules and regulations apply to veterinarians that are employees of organizations where the animals are owned and are the property of the organization. The Board has determined that if a veterinarian assumes the responsibility of making medical judgments regarding the health of an animal and the need for medical treatment, the establishment of a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship must exist and the veterinarian must prepare and maintain medical records. According to 20 CSR 2270-6.011 (15), “A licensee shall not dispense or prescribe any controlled substance or legend drug except in the professional course of his/her practice and only upon the establishment of a bona fide veterinarian-client-patient relationship.” Therefore, it is the responsibility of the veterinarian to ensure that any treatment or drugs prescribed are properly administered and that accurate records are maintained.

If you have any questions, regarding this newsletter or licensure issues please do not hesitate to contact our office.

**Dana K. Hoelscher**  
**Executive Director**

## CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT RESULTS

Below are the results of the continuing education audit conducted by the Board for the 2006-2007 renewal period. The continuing education audit included 10% of the total number of licensed veterinarians (246), 10% of the total number of licensed veterinary technicians (49), all veterinarians currently on probation (13) and all board members. It is important to note that with the exception of probationers and board members, individuals chosen for the random audit are chosen via computer, therefore, some individuals may be selected each year.

### Veterinarians:

1 licensee responded, however, did not meet the requirements and the Board granted an extension to complete the required hours.

### Veterinary Technicians:

1 licensee responded, however, did not meet the requirements and the Board granted an extension to complete the required hours.

All other veterinarians and veterinary technicians who had been selected for the audit met the requirements per Board rules 20 CSR 2270-4.042 and 20 CSR 2270-4.050.

NEW VETERINARIAN LICENSEES

JULY 1, 2006 TO JUNE 30, 2007

Ahnen, Daniel L.	Estrin, Michael A.	Klepper, Shannon L.	Pfadenhauer, Angela N.	Tevebaugh, Jesse K.
Arensberg, Cassandra M.	Faurot, Michael L.	Klepzig, Andrea L.	Price, Elizabeth A.	Tew, Sarah E.
Barnes, Laura D.	Fonti, Pamela L.	Knapp, Stephanie N.	Punke, John P.	Thornburg, Larry P.
Barnes, Melanie A.	Fowler, Tekla M.	Konrade, Kristin A.	Renschler, Metta J.	Tims, Tanya A.
Belviy-Coe, Michelle A.	Furrer, Elizabeth J.	Kovarik, Kenneth M.	Reuter, Andrea J.	Tonks, Catherine A.
Bommarito, David A.	Gartner, Scott J.	Kramer, Robin M.	Rhodes, Michelle L.	Turner, Renita R.
Bonnette, Stephanie L.	Gilbert, Sarah E.	Kultgen, Kristin M.	Rutz, Gabriele M.	Van Buren, Amanda G.
Bozynski, Chantelle C.	Gorgi, Alireza A.	LaBranche, Lora E.	Schoenekase, Alexis N.	Vinson, Stephanie K.
Brown, Marilyn E.	Grif n, Michelle L.	Lee, Joy C.	Schroeder, Carole I.	Virkler, Paul D.
Carpenter, Leanna L.	Hargrove, David W.	Lenox, Catherine E.	Scott, Lynn	Vitucci, Michael P.
Christmas, Rodney A.	Heidlage, Amber G.	Lesko, Elise M.	Sharpe, Shaunita J.	Voelkl, Dawna L.
Cogar, Steven M.	Helm, Pamela A.	Lewis, Brooke E.	Shull, Amanda W.	Volkman, Dietrich, H.
Compton, Angela M.	Hernandez, Ina L.	Lewis, Craig, A.	Silvius, Margaret A.	Vonderahe, Erin E.
Cooper, Jocelyn J.	Heyer, Michelle H.	Marshall, Helen C.	Silvius, Matt S.	Wall, Corey R.
Crnic, Tarrie A.	Hickman, Preston	McCartney, James W.	Snider, Douglas B.	Waltman, James B.
Dible, Bradley J.	Hoffpauir, Steven W.	McMillan, Kenneth W.	Sodko, Sarah L.	Ward, Brett W.
Dickerson, Blake T.	Hough, Rodney W.	Medler, Paula S.	Sparks, Jeffrey N.	Weaver, Kirby C.
Dittman, Elizabeth M.	Hudson, Caleb C.	Menke, Steven B.	Stanley, David L.	Whitchurch, Frank E.
Doerr, David B.	Hudson, David M.	Mitchell, William J.	Strain, Sean E.H.	Whittal, Carly R.
Duckworth, Rebecca A.	Johnson, Erin E.	Moses, Megan E.	Swain, Amber L.	Wick, Erica M.
Duroche, Bridget Lou	Karuvayil Mathew, Saju T.	Nigg, Benjamin R.	Takle, Ginger L.	Williams, Todd E.
Eisele, Howard R. , Jr.	Kee, Laura E.	Patrick, Brian M.	Taylor, Anne J.	Witsberger, Tige H.
Embry, William B. , II	Ketzner, Karissa M.	Peters, Michael A.	Taylor, Todd S.	Wooming, Rex B.
				Worthley, Waiva A.
				Zink, Mary C.

NEW VETERINARY TECHNICIAN LICENSEES

JULY 1, 2006 TO JUNE 30, 2007

Aldred, Joyce E.	Huffman, Diane M.	Prange, Lauren M.
Anderson, Sheryl E.	Johnston, Stephanie N.	Raineri, Rebecca M.
Antoine, Parrish T.	Kramer, Lisa B.	Rega, Erin M.
Baldrige, Sarah D.	Lawrence, Sandra J.	Robertson, Amy L.
Boyer, Cheryl L.	Lengemann, Keri E.	Roth, Amanda J.
Buller, Emily J.	Lowery, Andrea N.	Rowe, Wendy J.B.
Cardin, Christian R.	Marshall, Mariah R.	Sarna, Rachael R.
Carnes, Heather R.	McCubbins, Amy C.	Seaborn, Tammy M.
Clanton, Yvonne L.	McMullen, Eric G.	Snell, Sarah L.
Closterman, Jo A.	Menke, Ashley S.	Speck, Melissa C.
Duffey, Dosha M.	Miller, Kassia A.	Stegner, Sarah C.
Eldridge, Judy C.	Morton, Ruth A.	Ulmer, Kelli J.
Fry, Barbara C.	Otto, Jessica A.	Wagner, Amber M.
Haskett, Justin K.	Parham, Elizabeth L.	Walsh, Shelley R.
Haywood, Rhonda J.	Pierce, Jason W.	Zielinski, Lauren N.

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8 Advisory Boards

- Advisory Commission for Dental Hygienists
- Advisory Commission for Anesthesiology Assistants
- Missouri Acupuncturist Advisory Commission
- Athletic Trainer Advisory Commission
- Advisory Commission for Clinical Perfusionists
- Advisory Commission for Physical Therapists
- Advisory Commission for Registered Physician Assistants
- Advisory Commission for Speech Pathologists & Clinical Audiologists

On September 26, 2007, the Division held a board orientation and update. The Honorable Jay Wasson, District 141, Missouri House of Representatives headlined the state officials and Division staff who participated in the day-long event. Representative Wasson is Chairman of the House Professional Registration Committee and offered considerable insight on the legislation process. Special thanks to Representative Wasson for joining us during the afternoon session. We were also pleased to have participation from staff members of the Governor’s Office, Secretary of State’s Office, and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

The Division Mission is:

- Protect the Public ... from incompetence, misconduct, gross negligence, fraud, misrepresentation and dishonesty.
- License only “qualified” professionals... by examination and evaluation of minimum competency.
- Enforce standards... by implementing legislation and administrative rules.

I am proud to be associated with a team of dedicated employees who take this mission seriously.

David Broeker  
Division Director

RULE UPDATE

The following rule changes went into effect either on January 30, 2007 or April 30, 2007.

The affected rules are as follows:

**20 CSR 2270-1.050 Renewal Procedures** – This rule was amended to comply with Section 340.320, RSMo by changing the number of years a veterinary technician can renew a noncurrent license from “one year of the registration renewal date” to “within two (2) years of the registration renewal date”.

**20 CSR 2270-1.021 Fees** – This rule was amended to reflect the increase in the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) fee by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB). The AAVSB has raised the fee from \$100 to \$110. This rule also clarifies the licensing fees for facilities that are changing ownership and/or physical address. This is not an increase or added fee, just clarification of current fees. The fees are as follows: a) Initial Application Fee - \$100; b) Change of Ownership Fee - \$100; c) Change of Physical Address Fee - \$100; d) Annual Review Fee - \$25; e) Change in Function Fee - \$25; and f) Change in Facility Name Fee - \$25. The Board has lowered the fee to change a function and/or facility name from \$100 to \$25.

**20 CSR 2270-4.042 Minimum Standards for Continuing Education for Veterinarians** – This rule was amended to clarify the maximum number of continuing education hours veterinarians are required to obtain to reactivate an inactive, retired or noncurrent license. Any licensee who seeks to activate a license must submit ten (10) continuing education hours for each year that the license was inactive, retired or noncurrent. However, the required hours shall not exceed a total of fifty (50) hours and must have been obtained within three (3) years prior to renewal.

A copy of the revised Missouri Veterinary Medical Practice Act and Rules will be forwarded to all licensees shortly. You may also access the Board’s web site at [www.pr.mo.gov](http://www.pr.mo.gov) to view a copy of the changes listed above.